



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

West Hollywood, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of West Hollywood was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. About 10,275 of West Hollywood's 35,716 residents live in the East Side target area. More than 60 current or abandoned industrial and commercial sites are located within the 338-acre primary target area. Many of the residents live directly adjacent to the industrial sites. The East Side target area is densely populated, culturally diverse, and low-income. About 16 percent of the target area's population live below the poverty level, 26 percent are older than 62, and 42 percent are recent immigrants from Eastern Europe.



Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of West Hollywood for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which West Hollywood will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances, primarily in the city's East Side Redevelopment Area. The first sites to be cleaned up include 11 automobile repair shops and a metal-plating shop, all contaminated with heavy metals and solvents.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.